

Grade Seven Band

Information Letter and Questionnaire

Dear Students and Parents,

Welcome to Grade Seven Band! My name is Mr. Farrugia and I am looking forward to spending this school year helping you learn how to play a musical instrument.

The nature of our class is to have a balanced music ensemble, and as such you can choose to play any of the following Instruments: FLUTE, CLARINET, BASS CLARINET, ALTO SAXOPHONE, TENOR SAXOPHONE, TRUMPET, FRENCH HORN, TROMBONE, BARITONE, TUBA, BASS AND DRUMS/PERCUSSION

Students who choose either BASS or DRUMS/PERCUSSION will be auditioned. The audition will include pitch recognition and tuning (for bass players), and some rhythm and coordination exercises for drummers. Any student may be called upon to supplement the percussion section when the need arises.

Each year I am asked if GUITAR is an option. I will accept guitar only if you have previous experience playing guitar (this means you can read notes, you can tune the strings without assistance, you can play chords, and you have successfully taken guitar lessons for at least one year). This being said, you can always arrange with me to audition on guitar.

On the questionnaire write down your first **two** instrument choices. When you return your **fully completed** questionnaire, we will go over all the instrument choices in class and come up with an instrumentation that is balanced and works for everyone. Sometimes I may suggest another instrument for you to play, usually based on physical factors. Remember that I want to give you the best opportunity to succeed and have the most fun right from the start. In most cases you will get your first choice.

Should you have any questions, the best way to contact me is by email at farrugia_g@surreyschools.ca

More information can be found on my Wiki space at www.bandseven.wikispaces.com

Sincerely,

Mr. G. Farrugia

GRADE SEVEN BAND

COMMITMENT FORM AND QUESTIONNAIRE

STUDENT'S NAME: _____

INSTRUMENT CHOICES: 1ST _____ 2ND _____

DO YOU HAVE ANY PREVIOUS INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC EXPERIENCE?

"I agree to actively participate in class and make a positive contribution to our Band."

Student Signature: _____

Parent Signature: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email: _____

(Please write clearly)

When your child's instrument has been selected, take this part of the form to your local music store and rent and/or purchase the following:

REQUIRED MATERIALS:

Essential Elements 2000 Book 1 (FOR YOUR INSTRUMENT)

One thin binder with 10-15 standard sheet protectors

One small box of "V2" and/or "V2.5" reeds (**Clarinet and Saxophone only**)

Digital Tuner (A **must** for **Bass** and **Guitar** players, optional for others)

SUGGESTED MATERIALS:

Wire music stand or equivalent for home practice (for proper posture)

Trombone players ask for **slide cream** instead of slide oil.

SCHOOL NAME: _____

STUDENT NAME: _____

INSTRUMENT: _____